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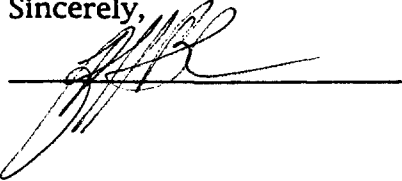
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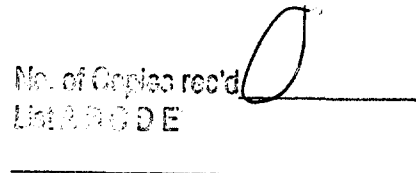
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RE: MM Docket #92254/#92486

Dear Mr. Gross,

My reason for writing is to express my concern in regards to the MM Docket #92-254 that would limit political campaign advertisements to have the freedom to be able to air material that would be considered 'indecent' from the media's viewpoint, such as, film clippings of aborted fetuses, at prime time, but would force them to air on 'safe harbor' time, midnight - 6:00 am.

Mr. Gross, there is great concern this petition would create *discrimination* based upon religious beliefs. For instance, Mike Bailey, a former '92 candidate, was able to air his stance against abortion by showing clippings of aborted fetuses. Should the MM Docket #92-254 take effect, this would give an unfair advantage to opposing political rivals and create a bias in an already tilted political arena. Christians that are running for office, would be open to the mercy of the media on what is considered 'decent' or 'indecent'.

A perfect example of being 'at the mercy of the media' is the refusal of WAGA-TV, Atlanta, Georgia to air Mr. Daniel Becker's (candidate for Congress in the Ninth District of Georgia) 30 minute political program "Abortion in America: the Real Story". Mr. Becker was denied his 'reasonable access' to broadcasting facilities that is in effect under Section 312(a) (7) of the Communications Act. WAGA-TV also denied their obligation under Section 315(a) of the Act not to censor programming aired on behalf of political candidates.....all in the name of 'indecenty'.

"Indecent" is used to describe a word or action that is grossly unseemly or offensive to manners or morals. Indecency can then be used to depict commercials with sexual connotations in perfume commercials, such as "Calvin Klein", or the "Seinfeld" show that aired a 30 minute program on masturbation at 9:00 pm, or "L.A. Law" that repeatedly airs sex and violence, or "Donahue" that performed a homosexual wedding between 2 men and allowed them to kiss and discuss their sex life, and the list could go on to create quite a volume of entries. These few were listed to reveal that ***"indecenty" is not the issue, but the struggle in the power for control in regulating moral issues.*** Mr. Gross, please deny petition MM Docket No. 92-254 for it would deny our constitutional freedoms that have already been established.....thank you so much!

Sincerely,

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